

CARES, GAIL, Museum
FY11 Budget Worksession

by Judy Bell

One of the highlights of the CARES Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) budget presentation on April 19 was the introduction of Darren Stephenson, CARES’ newly acquired juvenile delinquency prevention counselor. Stephenson has a masters degree in education and lots of ideas about how to help Greenbelt’s young people. Stephenson’s office is located in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. On the job for only a few weeks, he has already generated a significant caseload. This new position, made possible through funding of a one-year grant from the Governor’s Office on Crime Control and Prevention, will end on December 31, 2010. Thanks to another grant, a federal earmark to expand delinquency prevention services starting in FY11, the position will be continued in

Greenbelt West. These grants were procured by CARES’ Liz Park in her capacity as the chairperson of the Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus. In addition to family and individual counseling, GED preparation classes, a tutoring program and other core services, CARES does community outreach. Part of the outreach this past year included the use of an Eviction Relief Volunteer who worked with over 60 individuals facing eviction, providing information and referral resources as well as monetary assistance from the Emergency Relief Fund. CARES FY11 Proposed Budget is \$571,900. The revenue sources include \$44,000 from the two grants mentioned, another state grant for \$70,000 with a city
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GHI Plans Annual Meeting,
Elections for May 19-20

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) has scheduled its annual meeting for 2010 on Wednesday, May 19 in the gymnasium of the Greenbelt Community Center. Doors will open for registration at 7 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:30. Immediately following the meeting’s recess, voting will begin to elect members of the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee. Voting will continue in the board room at the GHI office on Thursday, May 20 from 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.
Agenda Topics
The Buildings Committee will give a presentation on plans for the “Community Upgrade,” which includes energy-efficient upgrades to GHI homes. Updates will also be provided to the membership on the GHI strategic plan and the status of the state Homestead Tax as it affects GHI. Amendments to the bylaws have already been proposed for adoption. One change would clarify that only one individual on a membership contract at a given time could run for or hold

elected office in the cooperative. Another proposed change would specify that any bylaw amendment affecting requirements for membership meetings or the size or terms of elected bodies would take effect no earlier than at adjournment of the meeting at which it is adopted. Several relatively minor adjustments to the schedule and process for nominations and elections have also been proposed.
Candidates
Candidates for four two-year openings on the GHI Board of Directors and candidates for the three places on the annually elected Audit Committee will make brief presentations at the meeting. Running for the board are current members Ed James, Diane McFadden and David Morse and newcomer Laura Moore. Candidates for the Audit-committee are Chuck Hess and Dianne Wilkerson. The five members of the Nominations and Elections
See **GHI**, page 16

Empirian Village Overshadows
Planning Dept. Budget Review

by Thomas X. White

At the scheduled Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) budget worksession for the city’s Planning & Community Development (P&CD) Department on Wednesday, April 28, Director Celia Craze brought only herself and the department’s newest Code Enforcement inspector, Tom Matthew, to brief the Greenbelt City Council on challenges and issues facing P&CD for the coming fiscal year. The entire seven-person council, City Manager Michael McLaughlin and City Treasurer Jeff Williams were in attendance. Matthew was present to bolster Craze’s focus on recent and continuing problems with maintenance and upkeep at the Empirian Village rental apartment complex in Greenbelt West. In their reports, delivered without the customary slide presentation and in the FY11 budget document itself, the clear message was that there is growing laxity on the part of Empirian Village management in providing basic upkeep and general maintenance for the project. This presents a major challenge for the department, the city and for the tenants

of the huge apartment complex. In fact, very little attention was given at the meeting to actual budgets for the department which, like the rest of the FY11 budget proposed by the city manager, show no increases over last year’s budgets. The budget for planning is proposed for \$352,900, made up mainly of salaries for the three planners – \$1,100 less than that for last year. The community development budget comes to just \$100 less than last year’s budget at \$698,700. This budget funds five inspector positions, 1.5 parking enforcement officers and two administrative assistants. Community Development, however, is expected to generate \$814,000 in assorted permit, license, penalties and fee revenue for the year. In effect, it pays for itself. The other budget under the control of P&CD is that for Animal Control. It is also proposed at a lower level than that for last year, at \$176,200. It funds 2.5 animal shelter staff and approximately \$35,000 in operating

expenses.
Rental Licensing
Craze also provided as a hand-out a comparison of rental licensing fees showing Greenbelt fees as significantly lower than those for the majority of surrounding jurisdictions. Based on the comparison, the average per-unit fee charged for multi-family rentals for other jurisdictions is \$200 per year, while Greenbelt charges \$100. For single-family owner/rental units, the average fee in other jurisdictions is \$217, while Greenbelt’s levy is \$150. In providing that comparative information, Craze noted to council she is not recommending any change in the fees for Greenbelt this year. In light of the focus on compliance problems at Empirian Village, some councilmembers registered surprise with her recommendation. Possibly further discussion will occur about the fee structure there as the FY11 proposed budget review unfolds. In council discussion specifically related to Empirian Village’s
See **BUDGET**, page 8

Greenbelt Metrobus Riders May
Find Many Service Changes

by John Stith

Metrobus riders in Greenbelt would see additional transfers, longer travel times, fewer buses – or no buses at all – under a new service-reduction proposal by Metro staff on May 8. Yet in the most complex plan proposed by Metrobus planners, some neighborhoods in the city would also see improvements. Under the proposal, one Metrobus route would serve Hanover Parkway north of Greenbelt Road and a different route would serve Hanover Parkway south of Ora Glen Drive. These two routes would be scheduled to converge on Roosevelt Center at the same time, so that riders heading to the Greenbelt Metro station or Beltway Plaza could efficiently switch buses if needed. In this “timed transfer” model, which is used elsewhere by Metro, the bus arriving first would wait up to five minutes to collect passengers from the other bus. Metro’s planner for Maryland bus operations, Larry Glick, pointed out to a meeting of Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G) on May 8 that the proposal would, on balance, shorten the routes servicing Roosevelt Center, thus improving on-time performance and making the “timed transfer” model feasible.

Data collected by Metro indicates that more than 100 residents of Greenbriar, Glen Oaks and Greenwood Village ride to the Greenbelt Metro station each weekday. On the existing R12 bus, this trip takes 18 minutes. These riders would now transfer at Roosevelt Center – and rely on the success of the timed transfer – to reach Greenbelt Metro in a similar amount of time. Should the timed-transfer fail, their back-up option through Beltway Plaza and Empirian Village to reach the Greenbelt Metro station would total a 37-minute trip.
Eastbound Trips
The timed transfer would also operate for eastbound trips, benefiting the 152 riders who have been counted using Metrobus at the University Square apartments and nearby portions of the current C2 bus route. These residents would expect a well-timed transfer to help them travel to New Carrollton. They also would have a new, no-transfer service to Eleanor Roosevelt High School and NASA Goddard’s main gate. However, for the trip most commonly made by University Square residents – to the Greenbelt Metro station – the current 15-minute ride would be lengthened to 21 minutes as their

route would now serve additional streets in Empirian Village. Buses would arrive every 30 minutes at rush hour and every 60 minutes at non-rush and on Saturdays, which is less frequent than the current C2 service. Residents of Greenbriar, Glen Oaks and Greenwood Village would see an even bigger slowdown, as their 16-minute trip to New Carrollton Metro would increase to 29 minutes, unless they could walk to Greenbelt Road and catch a faster route there. Two area locations would lose bus service altogether under Metro’s new proposal. On Good Luck Road, the 1/2 mile between Cipriano Road and Doctors Community Hospital would no longer be served. At last count there were 12 riders who would have to walk more than one additional block to reach a bus. Only one bus route would serve the North End of Old Greenbelt in the new proposal and it would take a dramatically different route than the current service. The existing R12 and T16/T17 buses turn left at the Greenbelt Elementary School onto Laurel Hill Road, then use Hillside Road and Crescent Road
See **BUS ROUTES**, page 12

What Goes On

- Saturday, May 15
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., City Annual Plant Sale, Municipal Building Parking Lot
- Monday, May 17
7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession on Green Ridge House at Green Ridge House
Wednesday, May 19
7:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 111
7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114
8 p.m., Final Budget Review, Greenbelt Community Center

Letters to the Editor

"No Wrongdoing"

A recent letter to the editor reflected a mother's angst with having her son approached by a police officer who observed what appeared to be a hand-to-hand drug transaction involving the young man. The writer requested an apology for having her son stopped and questioned about the incident, specifically the manner in which it was done. As a father of two I understand a parent's concern regarding a child's welfare, especially when the authorities are involved.

The officer had observed a number of people sitting at a bus stop for approximately half an hour. Buses were coming and going but there was no indication that any of the people were there for the purpose of using public transportation. Based on his training and experience the officer thought he observed a drug transaction which resulted in the detainment of one of the individuals. As part of the stop the officer requested that the young man remove his shoes. While that may seem unusual to the average person, the officer used proper procedure. Drugs are often hidden in socks and footwear.

The writer seems to indicate racial bias on the part of the officer by stating that the people involved were African American; however, the individuals involved were of mixed races. She also stated that her son is a student at the University of Maryland and a role model for other young people. The writer may know the character of her son and his friends but the officer did not have that privilege.

There is no mention by the writer that the officer was discourteous, only that she disapproved of the investigative stop. Police officers are expected to enforce the law under stringent constitutional guidelines that safeguard a person's right to be free from unlawful search and seizure. In this case the officer used the proper technique to investigate what he believed to be a violation of law. I find no wrongdoing with the officer's actions in this incident. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to questions involving police procedures, which I find frequently clarifies misconceptions.

Jim Craze
Greenbelt Police Chief

THANKS

Thanks to all who donated blood on May 7 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The blood collected at the drive will help the American Red Cross continue its service in the face of the nation's severe blood shortage. Thanks are given to the Red Cross personnel and volunteers for their outstanding service.

The next scheduled blood drive is Tuesday, June 29 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment.

Janet Goldberg
Recreation Coordinator

Children's Center Holds Fundraiser

The Greenbelt Children's Center (GCC) at 7600 Hanover Parkway is celebrating a 20-year anniversary this month. GCC has provided 20 years of early childhood education due to its core teaching staff.

On Tuesday, May 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. alumni and families can show support of GCC by participating in a fundraiser at Franklin's Restaurant and General Store in Hyattsville. All supporters who purchase a meal or any items in the store should hand the receipt to the host or hostess and say, "I am here for Greenbelt Children's Center." Proceeds will be used for the purchase and installation of a new playground. Alumni may recall doing similar activities when the current playground was installed in 1993.

Gold Standard Award
GCC was recently awarded the gold standard of high quality early education and care for preschool, achieving accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). GCC has voluntarily undergone the comprehensive process, meeting all 10 of the NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards.

GCC is accepting applications for the summer and fall programs. For more information call GCC Director Flora Gee at 301-345-8830.

Reel and Meal Shows "Waiting to Inhale"

The next Reel and Meal at the New Deal film, to be shown on Monday, May 17 at 7 p.m., will be "Waiting to Inhale." There is no charge to see the film. A vegan buffet is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m.

"Waiting to Inhale" is an award-winning documentary directed and produced by Jed Riffe, an independent filmmaker and broadcast journalist. It examines the heated debate over marijuana and its use as medicine in the United States. Proponents say using the medicinal herb can be life-saving, while opponents claim the medical argument is just a smokescreen for a different agenda – to legalize marijuana for recreation and profit.

Real Life Stories
"Waiting to Inhale" takes viewers inside the lives of patients who have been forever changed by illness – those whose stories never made it to the front pages. The film sheds new light on this controversy and presents new evidence that marijuana could hold a big stake in the future of medicine.

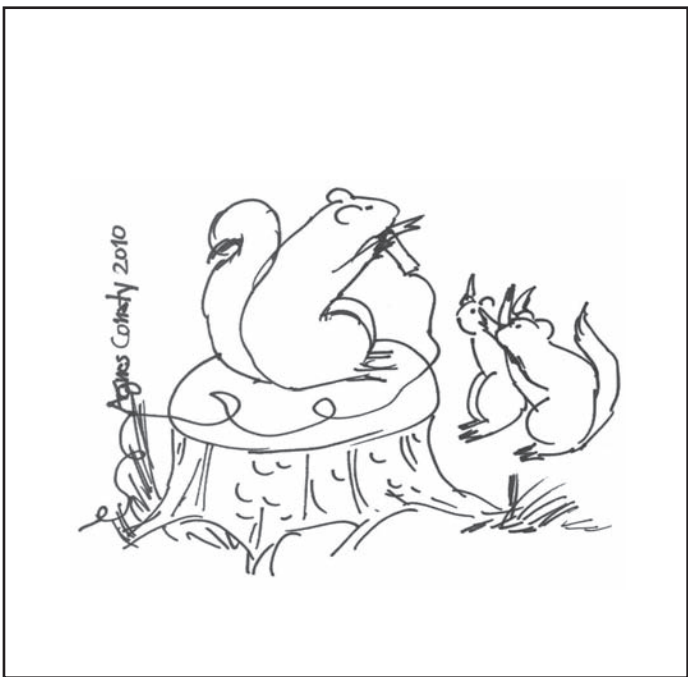
With Maryland and DC recently having passed medical marijuana legislation and other states legally protecting patients who use medical marijuana this is an opportunity to learn more about this controversial health issue.

Discussion
Following the documentary Karen O'Keefe, director of State Policies for the DC-based Marijuana Policy Project, will lead a discussion and answer questions. The Real and Meal monthly film series is sponsored by a consortium of Greenbelt Community organizations including CHEARS, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition and GreenVegan-Networking.

For more information on this program email Cam MacQueen at worldisvegan@aol.com or visit www.waitingtoinhale.org.



Grin Belt



"Follow my microblogs . . . my fans squashed the Twitbug with a mega-acorn smasher."

On Screen

Under the Verona Sun

"Letters to Juliet" opens in full romantic mode at Old Greenbelt Theatre Friday night. A young engaged couple (Amanda Seyfried and Gael Garcia Bernal) travel from New York to Verona, where he pursues food and wine matters and she gets involved with letters to the lovelorn. For key ingredients weave in a staunch older woman (Vanessa Redgrave) seeking to find connections from the past and la bella Italia. Directed by Gary Winick; also featuring Franco Nero.

PG, for brief rude behavior and sensual images, some language and incidental smoking. Running time is 105 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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WEEK OF MAY 14

Letters to Juliet

(PG)

Friday

*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

*3, *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

*3, *5:15, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

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Community Events

GHI Notes

Thursday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors – Board Room

Friday, May 14, Offices Closed (Emergency maintenance available – call 301-474-6011.)

7:30 p.m., Candidate Forum – Municipal Building

Monday, May 17, 7 p.m., Communications Committee – GHI Lobby

Tuesday, May 18, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee – GHI Library

Wednesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m., Annual Membership Meeting – Greenbelt Community Center

Thursday, May 20, 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., GHI Elections – Board Room

6:45 p.m., Investment Committee – GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – GHI Lobby

Saturday, May 22, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Yard Sale – GHI Lawn

11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Seniors Ace Bowie In Softball Twin Bill

The Greenbelters of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League upended Bowie Bronze in a hard-fought doubleheader on Wednesday, May 5. Led by slugger Jasper Pendergrass, they won 20-19 and 15-10. In the first game Greenbelt scored six runs in the 7th inning and held off home team Bowie when it answered with four runs in their last licks. Pendergrass cleared the fence with a home run in each game and had seven hits overall, as did Al Morton. George Harrison twice notched three hits while Fred Bohle had five overall. Barry Clark was winning pitcher.

The see-saw second game was sealed by Greenbelt’s three-run last inning. With two hits each, Carl Reed and Clark backed pitcher John Streckel for his first victory of the season. Greenbelt counted five wins and three losses in the 44-game season.

Antique Car Show At Capitol Sunday

Antique and classic Cadillacs will be on display at the free Annual Spring Cadillac & LaSalle Show being held at Capitol Cadillac on Sunday, May 16 at 9 a.m. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m. About 80 cars will be on display both inside and out, rain or shine. Capitol Cadillac is located at 6500 Capitol Drive in Greenbelt.

For more information call Henry Ruby, show coordinator at 301-894-8026.

Kids for Science Fair On Saturday, May 15

The 20th Annual Kids for Science STEM Fair will take place on Saturday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Students in grades four through six have been selected to participate as a result of winning local school science fairs. Displayed projects will be judged on site during the event.

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Fair Awards Ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m.

Explorations Does The Hula Hoop

At the Friday, May 21 Explorations Unlimited Liz Robinson will present a class on hula hooping. She will revisit the cultural history of Hula Hooping from its fad beginnings in the late 1950s to its current growing revival. The class will explore the fun, simple health benefits of hula hooping. A hula hooping demonstration and basic lessons for the novice hooper or refresher for those who haven’t hooped in many years is included.

Robinson is an acupuncture intern at Tai Sophia Institute in Laurel. She has been dancing and hula hooping for over 20 years and has been crafting hand-made hula hoops and teaching basic hula hooping for two years.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
That old song “Don’t Get Around Much Anymore” doesn’t apply to the Golden Age Club of Greenbelt. We had a splendid overnight trip to Amish Country and enjoyed a spectacular presentation of “Joseph” at the Sight & Sound Theater. Before that performance we had an amazing tour backstage where we met some of the animals, saw dressing rooms and learned about the lighting and audio technology and stood on the huge stage. One complaint – we all ate too much!

The May Birthday Lunch will be on May 19. On May 26 we’ll have the Chinese Auction, which should be fun.

New member Kathy Reynolds told us her grandmother, Mary Griffin, had been a member of the Golden Age Club.

Keep sending happy thoughts to Margaret Smith and Betty Downs.

Board Game Night At Center May 21

A Board Game Night sponsored by GreenBeLT Pride, the city’s social club for gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender people and their friends will be held on Friday, May 21 at 6 p.m., at the green tables in the Roosevelt Center. (In case of rain, meet in Generous Joe’s at Roosevelt Center.)

All are welcome. Feel free to bring along a board game. For more information visit www.greenbeltpride.org or call Frank at 240-432-2489.

Goddard Middle Band To Play Here May 22

Two student music groups from Robert Goddard Middle School – the Jazz Band and the Electric Strings Ensemble – will play on Saturday, May 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Roosevelt Center.

The Jazz Band is a traditional big band featuring a horn and rhythm sections. This free concert will highlight many big band swing standards as well as a few Latin and funk tunes. The Electric Strings Ensemble, a newer performing group, melds classical with contemporary music. It will feature pop and rock and roll songs.

The students in both groups are in grades six through eight and rehearse outside of school hours.

This is the first of two free concerts in the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series in Roosevelt Center this spring. It is produced by the New Deal Café and sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) with support from the Jim Cassels Award presented to FONDCA last fall.

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Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

****Hot Dogs/Chips**Bake Sale****
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Vernacular Architects To Tour Greenbelt

Next week the city will be host to several tour groups from the Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) 2010 annual conference, which is being held in Washington, D.C. from May 19 through 22. On Thursday, May 20 busloads of architects, architectural historians and other professionals will tour churches, public buildings and private homes in Greenbelt’s specially-designed and pedestrian-friendly New Deal city. The Greenbelt Museum, a partner in planning the tour, has been working with the City of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Homes, Inc., businesses in Roosevelt Center and residents who have agreed to open their homes for the day.

Literature from the conference states that “Greenbelt is considered one of the most significant experiments in modern community planning of the twentieth century.”

VAF’s website is www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org.

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Community

Spring Yard Sale

**Saturday,
May 15, 2010**
9 AM – 2 PM

20 Vendors – Rain or Shine
Refreshments will be sold!
For more information
please contact:
Tiesha Eley (301) 441-1096 #2
Teley.greenbriar@verizon.net

Kids Clothing Swap At Farmers Market

This year at the Greenbelt Farmers Market on Sundays May 23 through November 7 there will be a kids’-plus clothing and more swap booth on non-rainy Sundays from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. sponsored by the Greenbelt Mamas and Papas.

Items accepted are clean, safe, gently-used clothes (birth through adult); maternity and nursing wear; shoes; books; and toys. Bring items in labeled bags or boxes. Leftover items will be taken to area thrift stores.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and break down the booth, staff it and take leftover items to a local thrift store of the volunteer’s choice. To volunteer email Li’l Dan Celdran at dansquared-fitness@yahoo.com.

More Community Events see pages 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11 and 14.

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Children: \$6.00
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Week of MAY 14

FRI. – SAT.
Furry Vengeance, PG
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Robin Hood, PG-13
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 10
Just Wright, PG (!)
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Iron Man 2, PG-13 (!!)
11:30, 1, 2:10, 4, 5:05, 6:45, 7:45, 9:45, 10:25
Nightmare on Elm Street, R
11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 7:40, 10:15
How to Train Your Dragon, PG
11:40, 2:20
Death at a Funeral, R
5:05, 7:50, 10:30

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Greenbelt Arts Center

Moon Over Buffalo

Fridays, May 14, 21, 28 at 8:00 PM
Saturdays, May 15, 22, 29 at 8:00 PM
Sundays May 16 at 2:00, May 23 at 3:00

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Obituaries

Patricia Ann Sweeney

Patricia Ann Sweeney, 82, died on Friday, May 7, 2010. Formerly of Greenhill Road, the Sweeney family was one of the original families to move into the Lakewood subdivision in 1959. She and her husband Ronald raised four children there. Mrs. Sweeney was a homemaker and a good neighbor.

Her husband Ronald preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son Michael Sweeney, daughters Susan C. Justin and her husband Terrence, Barbara K. Costello and her husband Joseph E. and Joanne P. Aulizio and her husband George; grandchildren Kimberly Rosoff, Eric and Brian Justin and Gregory Aulizio; and great-grandchildren Havanna Nunez, Asher Rosoff and Aubrey Justin.

A memorial service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 12. Inurnment for Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday, June 6 at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Arrangements were by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for May 17 through 21 will be:

Monday – Grape juice, Salisbury steak with gravy, seasoned carrots, Mexican brown rice, tropical mixed fruit.

Tuesday – Minestrone soup, turkey cutlet with gravy, cornbread stuffing, green beans, fresh nectarine.


Wednesday – Apple juice, Italian sausage with green peppers and onions on a bun, penne pasta with chunky vegetable sauce, chopped collards, Mandarin orange segments.

Thursday – Corn chowder, Cuban chicken, yellow rice, mixed vegetables, fruit yogurt.

Friday – Cranberry juice, baked pork chops with gravy, sweet peas, mashed potatoes, stewed apples.

Audubon Spring Free Bird Walk

Join a free spring bird walk led by a member of the Prince George’s Audubon Society on Saturday, May 15 at 7:30 a.m. at the Governor Bridge Natural Area. For more information call 410-765-6482.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Kindergarten, Pre-K Early Registration

Parents are encouraged to avoid the summer rush and register children early for the upcoming school year for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes.

Full-day pre-kindergarten programs are available for income-eligible families at sites throughout Prince George’s County. Students who are four years old on or before September 1, 2010, may be registered for the 2010-2011 school year if they 1) reside within the identified school boundaries or are homeless and 2) meet the income guidelines for free and reduced meals.

Registration

The State of Maryland mandates that all five-year-old children attend kindergarten. Upon request of a parent or guardian, a five-year-old may be exempted due to immaturity. Families may register students for full-day kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year who are five years old on or before September 1, 2010.

What Is Required

Typically, only a parent or court-appointed guardian can register a child for public school. In cases of extreme hardship, permission may be granted to someone other than a parent or guardian.

Proof of residency, child’s age, child’s required immunizations, a physical exam and a lead screening certificate are required.

For detailed information call 301-808-2723.

Spring History Talk At Montpelier Mansion

At the next lecture in Montpelier Mansion’s free history lecture series on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m., master gemologist and appraiser Lynne Loube will speak on the jewelry of George and Martha Washington.

Loube has been an appraiser for over 30 years and is one of the leading experts on the Washington jewelry. This talk will give a clearer and more detailed picture of America’s first couple. For ages 12 and up no reservations are required and refreshments will be served.

Montpelier Mansion is located at 9650 Muirkirk Road in Laurel. For further information call 301 377-7817, TTY 301-446-3302 or visit www.pgparcs.com.

See Norwegian Exhibit At Sant Ocean Hall

“Deeper Than Light,” a traveling exhibition from the Bergen Museum, University of Bergen, Norway, follows scientists on the Norwegian research vessel, G.O. Sars, on their 2004 journey into the vast, unexplored depths of the north Atlantic Ocean through art, images, models and multimedia.

This exhibit is on display at the National Museum of Natural History, First Floor, Sant Ocean Hall, Ocean Focus Gallery through May 23.

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Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

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May 16, 10 a.m.
“Justice Is Love with Legs” by Rev. John Crestwell, guest preacher, with Donald Mitchell, worship associate
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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

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Open Microphone For Kids Sunday

There will be a Kids Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café this Sunday, May 16 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The event takes place on the third Sunday of every month. Children age 17 and under are invited to perform, playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, reciting a poem, etc.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrdrn@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, May 13 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. Thursday is also weekly open microphone night, open to song, poetry or prose, even stories from 7 to 9 p.m.

New Deal Piano Man John Guernsey plays snappy jazz and blues tunes from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15. On Friday, he's followed by the folky duo, Two-Piece Suit, from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, May 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. "Wunderboy" Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar.

Djesben is the headline act on Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m. with jazz, bebop, bossa nova and original tunes.

Sunday afternoon May 16 features a Kids' Open Microphone session from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. In the evening, Mark Kroos displays double-neck acoustic guitar wizardry, strumming New Age and contemporary tunes from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Monday, May 17 is the third Monday of the month and that means it's Reel & Meal film night at 7 p.m. This month's movie is "Waiting to Inhale: Marijuana, Medicine and the Law," preceded by a vegan buffet available for purchase at 6:30 p.m. Karen O'Keefe, director of State Policies for the Marijuana Policy Project, will lead a discussion on the current D.C. and Maryland medical marijuana bills.

On Tuesday, May 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Plastic Fantastic Lover Band plays bluegrass and folk music. The Quimby Mountain Band plays rock, soul and funk music from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19. On Friday, May 21, it's Indie pop music with the Alex Gordon Hi-Fi band from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 22 the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Concert Series will be held outside the Café – the concert features the Robert Goddard Jazz Band and the Robert Goddard Electric Strings from 4 to 6 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m., listeners can move indoors to enjoy bluegrass with the Zekiah Swampcats.

On Sunday, May 23 Jim Stimson plays Renaissance lute during brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Evening brings an art reception from 5 to 8 p.m. for "The Art of Healing the Chesapeake," an exhibit that is a tribute to Tom Wisner, the "Bard of the Chesapeake."

For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

A Candidates Forum Will Be Held Tuesday

A Meet the Candidates Night will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway. Candidates for county council, County Executive and State's Attorney have been invited to participate in the forum. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin promptly at 6:45 p.m.

The program is hosted by the Volunteer Firefighters and Ladies Auxiliary of Prince George's County.

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Third Saturday Of The Month
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May 15 from 5 to 6 PM
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francisca12@gmail.com or 240-353 7183



City Information

MEETINGS FOR MAY 17-21

Monday, May 17th at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION – GREEN RIDGE HOUSE** at the Green Ridge House

Wednesday, May 19th at 7:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 111.

Wednesday, May 19th at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, Rm. 114. On the Agenda: Discussion of the City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

Wednesday, May 19th at 8:00pm, **FINAL BUDGET REVIEW**, at the Community Center.


The PRAB meeting scheduled for May 19th has been cancelled

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Forest Preserve Advisory Board

For more info call 301-474-8000.




Greenbelt Public Works

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Saturday, May 15th
10am-1pm
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Volunteers are needed.



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**Wednesday, May, 26, 2010
9am-3pm**

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Candidates for GHI Election May 19-20, 2010

The following GHI members had formally indicated their agreement to serve if elected and supplied the following biographical sketches for publication in the News Review by the Nominations and Elections Committee's deadline of May 7. There is a possibility that additional candidates will have qualified for the ballot by the final May 12 deadline for petitions (after press time) but no additional candidates can be placed on the ballot after that time.

Board of Directors – (4) 2-Yr. Terms

(Vote for no more than four)

Voting will take place upon recess of the Annual Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 19 at the Community Center, and will continue on Thursday, May 20 from 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. at GHI's offices on Hamilton Place.

Ed James

56 Court Crescent Road

Ed James has been an active member of GHI since 1977. He has been a GHI Director/Treasurer, Greenbelt Jaycees Director/Treasurer, Citizens for Greenbelt co-founder, City of Greenbelt CPR instructor, GHI Audit Committee member, Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative founder/Director, and member of the former Sustainable Design and Practices Committee.

Current GHI activities include serving as GHI Director/Secretary, member of the Woodlands, Buildings, and Member & Community Relations Committees and various work groups. Non-GHI activities include the Greenbelt Community Garden Club, Greenbelt Computer Club, elected member of the New Deal Café Audit Committee and appointed member of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (aka GreenACES).

Ed's educational background includes degrees in Physics, Biochemistry, Zoology and Computer Science. His professional background includes NASA, IMF, Sprint and the University of Maryland. He retired early and enjoys activities such as physical fitness, gardening and freelance computer software projects.

Diana E. McFadden

71 Court Ridge Road

Diana McFadden was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Maryland. Diana traveled in Europe and studied in Spain and England, where she was inspired

by 1,000-year-old towns and villages and how their layouts, based on ancient foot tracks, had cultivated communities that are thriving today. During her travels, Diana realized that car-based development deprives many in America of community and a sense of belonging.

Diana loves the Bay and is active for the environment, civil rights and public health. She holds a BA in Political Science and has worked in DC for most of her life. She is also a professional musician. Her passions include traveling, music, kayaking, hiking and gathering friends and family together. She frequents the New Deal Café and enjoys the movie theater, community festivals, Farmers Market and Greenbelt's inner walkways. Diana joined GHI in 2002 and has served on the GHI Board since 2006.

Laura C. Moore

5 Court Gardenway

I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the GHI Board of Directors and feel that my experience and skills would be of value to GHI. Through my current position as Director of Special Projects to the County Council Chairman, I have learned about the zoning and development process in detail and I have worked on legislation to make environmental improvements in the county, including improved storm water management. I currently serve on the Greenbelt Pride Board of Directors. I served as an officer in the U.S. Navy for three years in the Philippines and in Panama. I received my undergraduate degree from MIT and I recently successfully defended my master's thesis in Entomology at UMD. I was president of the Graduate Student Government at UMD for two years and initiated the current effort to unionize graduate assistants and adjunct faculty. Please contact me if you have any questions.

David Morse

46 Court Ridge Road

Incumbent, GHI Board of Directors, 2006-present. Education: B.A., U.Md., political philosophy. Occupation: Free-lance writer/editor. News Review writer/editor, two years. Interest and background in government and public policy, history and literature.

Personal: Lived in GHI 18 years

with my wife and two children (one born here), frequented our woodland trails and local co-ops. Occasionally play with Greenbelt's Irish musicians.

Broad knowledge of GHI through:

- maintaining congenial working relationships with committees and staff;
- coming to grips with issues through research, conversations with members, Board colleagues, staff and Audit Committee;
- staying open to new and challenging ideas and views; and
- keeping abreast not just of current matters but of future needs.

Committee Membership: Communications (Board liaison), Finance, Investment; (as participant) Buildings, ARC. Also previously liaison for Sustainable Design and Practices, Woodlands, Companion Animal, Member and Community Relations.

Other GHI Activities: *Communicator* (editor/writer), Green Ribbon Task Force, 2007 Charterette on GHI's future, Legislative Group.

Irv Wartell

12 Court Ridge Road

I have been a proud GHI owner for more than 20 years. I currently serve as the chair of the GHI Member and Community Relations Committee. An active member of the Mishkan Torah Synagogue for 20 years, I have participated in many GHI community events representing this institution, including the Labor Day activities. A graduate of Temple University and the Charles Morris Price School of Advertising and Journalism, my 50-year career has included retailing, social work, advertising, sales promotion, public relations and for the last 18 years, prior to retirement, exhibitry. This wide range of varied but related work experiences would benefit GHI. GHI is a rather unique community organization that boasts history and reflects a bygone era of vitality, neighborliness and cooperation that is rare today. I would like to make more people aware of what we offer through the many media forms we can utilize to publicize GHI.

Audit Committee

1-Yr. Term

(Vote for no more than three)

Chuck Hess

42 Court Ridge Road

Chuck Hess has lived in GHI for over 25 years. He is a CPA with a master's in Taxation, specializing in Income Tax Preparation. He has been active in GHI, including serving on among others the Buildings, Finance, Investment, Buildings and the A&E Committees. He chaired the Finance Committee, and was the first Chair of the Investment Committee.

He has twice before been asked to serve on the Audit Committee and for 18 years, before he went to Africa to serve as the Manager of a Mission Hospital, he served on the Board of Directors, six of them as the Treasurer.

He believes that GHI is one of the best co-ops in the world and that his experience and knowledge will benefit the Co-op maintain the high standards that it is well known for in providing an honest, well run, efficient and compassionate home for all its members.

Dianne Wilkerson

60 Court Crescent Road

I have lived in GHI since 1979. After retiring a few years ago, I began to attend board meetings and became a regular member of the audience. In 2004, I was elected to a position on the Audit Committee. On behalf of the members, I have attended and observed many meetings and workshops and have worked to understand the regulations and the financial picture of GHI. During my years on the Audit Committee, I have learned so much about the operation of the Cooperative and hope to be re-elected to serve on this committee.

Nominations

& Elections

Committee

1-Yr. Term

(Vote for no more than five)

Frank DeBernardo

13 Court Laurel Hill Road

Frank DeBernardo has been a member of GHI since July 2004. He serves as executive director of New Ways Ministry, a national nonprofit educational and advocacy group. He holds a master's degree in rhetoric from the University of Maryland. Within GHI, he has served on the Green Ribbon Task Force and Member and Community Relations Committee. Within the City of Greenbelt, he has served on the Labor Day Festival Committee, is a founding member of GreenBELT Pride and is a member of the city's 75th Anniversary Committee, the Greenbelt Catholic Community and is a docent at the Greenbelt Museum. A former reporter, editor and writing instructor, he has done publicity work for several Greenbelt groups. He is a member of Metro's Riders' Advisory Council and serves as the 2010 Chair of this organization. Frank is the vice-president of the board of directors of the Quixote Center, a national social justice organization.

Robin Everly

18 Court Ridge Road

I've been in GHI since December 2004. I have served as Chair for two committees: Communications and the 2007-2008 Nominations and Elections Committee. My day job is as a botanical librarian with the Smithsonian Institution Libraries.

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Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Spring Gutter Cleaning

Hearn Insulation & Roofing Company is scheduled to clean and inspect the gutters on GHI homes from **May 24 through June 30, 2010** (weather permitting.) During this time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy. Contact Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions. Thank you.



Spring Migration Bird Walks

Join GHI Woodlands Committee naturalist Pete Blank on our spring migration bird walks. These fun and educational walks will be held on **Saturday, May 15th from 8 - 10 a.m.** Meet at the Northway fields. Bring binoculars if you have them. Email Pete at pb@umd.edu with questions or for more details.

Note: Biographies are written by the candidates and edited for length only by the Nominations and Elections Committee prior to submission to this paper.

GHI Candidates

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I love living in GHI and working for the Smithsonian. I believe in giving back to your community and volunteering your time is a way to do that. I also serve in a volunteer capacity on the Board of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries (CBHL), an international organization responsible for supporting and promoting botanical librarianship.

I bring to the N&E Committee past experience and organizational and writing skills. Our cooperative has big issues to face in the next few years. I want to help find talented and knowledgeable members to help effectively run our cooperative.

Kathleen Gallagher
6 Court Ridge Road

Despite having grown up in Baltimore and living in DC, I didn't discover Greenbelt until coming back to Maryland from Pennsylvania. After a year's stop at University Square, I moved into 6 Court Ridge with two budgies named Franklin and Eleanor on New Year's Eve 1997. What a great place for birds and people!

I've worked as an election judge for the city and the county. I conducted the city's elections from 2000-2008 as part of my job as the Greenbelt city clerk and later administered the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance for the University of Maryland's Institute for Governmental Service & Research. I volunteer with the Greenbelt News Review and GIVES, serve as liaison to my court and have chaired GHI's N&E Committee for the 2009 and 2010 elections. I hope to have the opportunity to continue as a member of N&E for one more term.

Ann Landry Lombardi
37 Court Ridge Road

As civic activism is my way of life, I look forward to serving GHI on the Nominations and Elections Committee.

An active member of the League of Women Voters since 1970, I chaired the national Lobby Corps of this nonpartisan group in the 1990s. We promoted the "Motor Voter" bill that links voter registration with driving license application.

I was elected to the Prince George's County Council from 1978-1982. In 1983, I chaired the Prince George's Ethics Board. In 1985, the County Executive appointed me to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), on which I served as chairman for a year.

Since 2004, I've served as a certified voter registrar, getting new voters at Greenbelt city fairs and neighborhood schools. I also tutor students at Greenbelt Elementary School and have helped the art teacher in Springhill Lake Elementary School. I joined the GHI Yard Line Committee, 2007-2010, which clarifies property lines.

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Washington Youth Garden participants.

Kim Rush Lynch Gives School Garden Lecture

Join the Greenbelt Museum and local Holistic Health Counselor and Food Educator, Kim Rush Lynch, on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center for a free lecture entitled "From Seed to Supper: A History of School Gardens and Their Role in Children's Health."

Over the past decade there has been a resurgence in the school garden movement and plant-based education. School gardens have been used for plant and nature study, mathematics, language arts, art, entomology, physical education, home economics, cooperative learning, nutrition, social reform; the list could go on. Recent studies have shown that children who are part of the process of growing and cooking their own food consume more fruits and vegetables and live healthier lifestyles.

This lecture will focus on the history of school gardens and how gardening has been used as a tool for improving eating habits and cultivating life skills in children.

Kim Rush Lynch is known to many in Greenbelt through her work with the Farmer's Market, which she co-founded. She also served as director of the Washington Youth Garden at the U.S. Arboretum, where she was honored with the 2005 Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award for Environmental Educators.

This is a free lecture paid for by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Dorothy White Lecture Fund. For more information call 301-507-6582, email museum@greenbeltmd.gov or check the Greenbelt Museum website at www.greenbeltmuseum.org. The museum is also on Facebook and Twitter.

NAMI Holds Monthly Workshop

The monthly National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) workshop will be held on Thursday, May 20, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hanko Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton. This month's topic is "Bipolar and Schizophrenia Family Study" presented by the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center staff from the University of Maryland School of Medicine. They will share information about recent research findings and the progress of family genetic studies. They will also talk about their current NIH-funded study, the Bipolar Schizophrenia Network on Intermediate Phenotypes, which is being conducted nationwide. The workshop is free and open to the public.

CPAE Book Club Meets on May 21

The College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) monthly book club will have its next meeting on Friday, May 21 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road (corner of Knox and Dartmouth) in College Park. This month's book is "A House in Fez: Building a Life in the Ancient Heart of Morocco," by Suzanna Clark.

The CPAE Book Club is a monthly get-together with lively conversation in a fun, casual setting, featuring mostly literary non-fiction by Women. Feel free to drop in or at info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013.

CPAE Fujara Flute Concert

The College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) will host a free "sneak preview" flute concert on Friday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

Bob Rychlik will present a concert of fujara and other overtone flutes at the Library of Congress later in May. The performance features native Slovak folk music including singing as well as showcasing contemporary use of fujara with original compositions. To hear the fujara played in traditional style visit <http://www.dusafujary.sk/bob-rychlik-en.php>.

This concert is part of the CPAC Friday evening series for adults and older kids.

For more information call 301-927-3013 or email info@cpae.org.

Saturday Events In Old Town Bowie

Attend a variety of free events in Old Town Bowie on Saturday, May 15. See "Muscle Bikes" of the 70s from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at A&M Cycle, 13002 9th St.

Also see Stingrays, Fastbacks, Gray Ghosts, Western Flyers and Ross Apollo Racers shown at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. and restored to their original condition.

Tour a 1992 Caboose from noon to 4 p.m. at the Railroad Museum and see trains pass by from an observation station. The Old Town Bowie Welcome Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contest Is Now Open for Anniversary Logo

Participation is invited in a contest for the best logo and slogan for use in Greenbelt's planned 75th Anniversary (1937-2012) celebration of the founding of Greenbelt. The logo and slogan should be appropriate for use in many ways, designed to look good on posters, banners, T-shirts, hats and more. It must contain the word "Greenbelt" and should use the 1937-2012 designation as well. The anniversary celebrates Greenbelt's past, present and future. The recently formed 75th Anniversary Committee embraces all areas of Greenbelt in the celebration – submissions that incorporate this idea are especially encouraged.

The winner will receive a \$75 gift certificate to the Greenbelt Co-op grocery store. Entries should be no larger than 11" x 17". They must be submitted by June 25 in hard copy mailed to Isabelle Gournay, 7 Woodland Way, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or in PDF format emailed to gournay@umd.edu. Gournay is associate professor of architecture at the University of Maryland and a member of the 75th Anniversary Committee.

For more information email Anniversary Committee Staff Liaison Megan Searing Young at museum@greenbeltmd.gov.

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Meeting
Friday, May 21st, 2010 7:30PM
Greenbriar Community Center Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt MD
22nd District Legislative Wrap-up with Senator Paul Pinsky and
Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross.
Please bring a snack or dessert to share.
For information please call 301-386-0762 or
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need for more focused attention and inspection resources, Craze did allow that she would consider modifying the term for rental licensing fees from one year to six months.

Councilmember Edward Putens suggested consideration of rental license fees that would reward rental landlords that maintain a good level of maintenance and upkeep and penalize those that require significant compliance attention and resources.

One management objective for the P&CD Department for the coming year is to evaluate establishing a city landlord-tenant commission or Board with the view that such a body would be a vehicle for protecting the rights of residents with respect to the rental of residential properties.

Compliance Picture

The flavor of Craze’s and Matthew’s chronicles of the Empirian Village enforcement experience was bleak. Craze noted that the only effective tool in dealing with a recalcitrant management is direct enforcement actions.

“We may have to reassign inspectors to address the violations that occur at Empirian Village,” she noted. As it is, the department is down one inspector and is trying to deal with about 400 property maintenance complaints.

Matthews added that there has been no indication of compliance issues “slowing down.” He related to council that as far as Greenbelt staff can tell, the maintenance staff size at Empirian Village is about the same as for some of the better-maintained but smaller rental properties in Greenbelt.

When asked for an estimate of the maintenance staff at Empirian Village, he guessed it might be 10 to 15 staff working on maintenance. It was noted that of the 270 buildings at Empirian Village over 200 have significant violations that require correction.

During the first eight months of the current fiscal year, the city issued 393 municipal infraction citations (the method the city uses to enforce compliance with the code), all but four issued to Empirian Village for failure to abate code violations within the allotted compliance time period. Fines associated with the Empirian Village citations totaled \$55,650.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan inquired about the overall assessment of Greenbelt’s aging housing stock. Staff responded that there was no specific assessment but that annual inspections took place for rental properties and that code violations must be corrected.

Davis noted that her development [Greenbriar] may be at a “tipping point,” which may be tied to the current housing crisis and the increase in the number of owners who rent out their units.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts had probably the bleakest diagnosis regarding the situation the city is facing at Empirian Village. His proposed solution was just to let the buildings deteriorate and then effect condemnation of the property.

That comment may have been too much for Davis, who signaled abruptly that one hour was enough for Empirian Village.

Theater

Another challenge for the city and the department is the long-delayed renovation of the Old

Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center. The budget document says it appears that funding for the entire project is inadequate.

If the city is able to maintain state financing for the project, there would be a state match of \$400,000 for the city’s available bond funding of \$400,000. This amount, however, still falls short of the estimated total project cost of nearly \$1.2 million to complete the renovation.

Craze advised council that one option would be to have the architect modify the renovation plans to indicated staging for the parts of the project. A second option would be to enter into a design/build contract with the contractor to determine how best to stage the project.

Even if either of those two options is pursued, an overarching issue is a required upgrade of the electric power supply for the building.

With the lack of development activity taking place at the North or South Core of the planned Greenbelt Metroland project, the P&CD budget text discusses possible use of up to \$120,000 that had been made as a developer contribution associated with site plan approvals obtained in 2006 for Greenbelt police upgrades. Craze suggested a possible use of those funds to assist in expansion and upgrade of police headquarters space for the new Computer Assisted Dispatch and Record Management System (CAD/RMS).

Lake Dam

Craze also noted that approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000 may be needed in the coming year to accomplish necessary repairs of the earthen dam at the lake at Buddy Attick Park. She expects that, at the least, the state will require repairs to be made to what is called the toe drain, requiring that a trench be dug into the dam and a new pipe installed.

Another challenge for the P&CD Department and, according to Craze, for other Greenbelt departments is a lack of storage space for a significant volume of paper and other media that must be preserved as records for the city’s ongoing activities.

Although electronic copies help in this regard, she said, there remains a volume of paper records that must be retained because they represent a record of design features and requirements for buildings and properties in Greenbelt. The budget document notes they are running out of available space.

Craze provided a report to council on logistics relating to the feral cat population in Greenbelt and reported on the relative success of a trap-neuter-release program. She said the program has been successful in dealing with cat overpopulation, reducing the number being kept at the shelter.

Responding to a request from members of council, she identified three locations which Greenbelt feral colonies inhabit. They are the woods behind Glen Oaks, the area around the CVS and a storm drain at Beltway Plaza. For the most part such cats are determined not to be adoptable, hence the trap, spay/neuter and release approach.

Craze closed by citing the outstanding service of several of her staff for their work on P&CD projects over the past year, including work with the WSSC on

resolving residents’ issues, the progress on the GHI/city rights-of-way issues, the arduous tasks of coordinating and dealing with Empirian Village enforcement programs, the efforts of parking enforcement staff in dealing with unregistered vehicles and the part-time parking enforcement officer who reported the Empirian Village fire in September 2009.

Variously, council covers budget projections for Capital Projects during the P&CD budget review. This night, however, at the suggestion of the mayor, they opted to hold off review and discussion on the specific projects until mid-summer.

Under this approach, they will approve a proposed total figure for Capital Projects at the time of budget adoption in early June and then schedule a July worksession to recommend final approval for what specific projects will be slated for FY11.



Condolences to the family and friends of Patricia Ann Sweeney, an original homeowner of the Lakewood subdivision, who died on May 7.

Congratulations to:

- Dr. Claire Parkinson, a climate scientist at NASA Goddard, who is one of 38 new members elected into the American Philosophical Society.
- Sarah and Kevin Sandoval on the birth of their second son, Oscar Edward Sandoval, on April 25, 2010.
- Luci and Michael Martin, who welcomed Luke Richard Martin on May 4, 2010, at Howard County General Hospital. Baby Luke weighed in at 7 lb., 12 oz. He is the first grandchild for proud grandmother Lois Gorman of Ridge Road. His paternal grandparents are James and Eleanor Walker of Waldorf.
- Joshua Headley of Ridge Road, who won two silver medals at the Special Olympics in Baltimore on May 6. They were held at Morgan State University. The events he participated in were the standing long jump and the 50 meter run. Joshua is 12 years old and a 6th grader at Kennedy Krieger Institute.



Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village). To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of May 11

	W-L		W-L
American League		National League	
Indians	9-1	Tigers	7-1
Yankees	5-3	Giants	5-3
Cardinals	3-4	Athletics	2-6
Cubs	0-7	Orioles	1-7

Major League Schedule May 17 through May 22

Date	Time	Games
Monday, May 17	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Yankees
Tuesday, May 18	6 p.m.	Cubs vs. Athletics
Wednesday, May 19	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Cardinals
Thursday, May 20	6 p.m.	Orioles vs. Indians
Friday, May 21	6 p.m.	Yankees vs. Cubs
*Friday, May 21	7 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Athletics
Saturday, May 22	10 a.m.	Tigers vs. Giants
Saturday, May 22	1 p.m.	Athletics vs. Cubs

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Attempted Murder

May 5, 9:40 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. An unknown person fired a handgun into two occupied apartments. No one was injured.

Robbery

May 1, 9:16 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Terrace. A male approached a person, displayed a knife and demanded property. The intended target chased away the robber, described as a black male, 16 to 18 years old, 5'7" tall with a thin build wearing a black shirt and red or burgundy jogging pants.

Drug Arrests

May 1, 4:42 p.m., Cherrywood Terrace at Breezewood Drive. A 40-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after a traffic stop. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

May 5, 2:36 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. Two juveniles, one resident and one nonresident, were petitioned for possession of both marijuana and drug paraphernalia. They were released to their parents pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Disorderly Conduct

May 3, 4:06 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A resident juvenile was petitioned for trespassing on private property and later released to the Department of Juvenile Services.

Burglaries

April 30, 2:32 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. An attempted burglary occurred.

May 1, 12:25 a.m., 400 block Ridge Road. An attempted burglary occurred.

May 2, 2:44 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A television was taken.

May 2, 4:51 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A pair of shoes and a television were taken.

May 3, 12:27 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. Unknown items were taken.

May 3, 10:46 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A television, laptop, video game system and netbook were taken.

May 3, 11:02 a.m., 8 Court Laurel Hill. A laptop, cell phone and charger were taken.

May 3, 2:42 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. An attempted burglary occurred.

May 3, 3:46 p.m., 6900 block

Hanover Parkway. A laptop, cameras and video game systems were taken.

May 3, 7:35 p.m., 8100 block Lakecrest Drive. A laptop and television were taken.

May 6, 11:36 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. An attempted burglary occurred.

Trespass Arrests

May 3, 10:54 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 26-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

May 5, 8:28 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Three people were arrested charged with trespassing on private property, a 26-year-old resident male, a 19-year-old resident female and an 18-year-old nonresident female. The resident male was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. All three were released on citation pending trial.

May 6, 9:09 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A non-resident adult male was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property and then released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen, a blue 2007 Dodge Caliber taken on May 1 from the 8000 block Breezewood Terrace and a silver 2006 Ford Mustang taken May 5 from the 6400 block Capitol Drive. Both cars bore MD tags.

One set of tags stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Road were recovered by District of Columbia Metropolitan Police on May 6 with one arrest made.

A stolen license expiration sticker was recovered May 3 at Kenilworth Avenue at Cherrywood Lane after a traffic stop involving a 27-year-old nonresident male. He was arrested and charged with theft under \$100 and released on citation pending trial.

Three reports of thefts from autos were received. 6100 block Breezewood Drive (rear MD tag), 6000 block Springhill Drive (CD player) and 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (CD/DVD player).

The following vandalism was reported. Car windows were broken in the 6200 block Springhill Drive, a car was scratched in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane and a car door lock was damaged in the 7500 block Greenbelt Road.

Rise in Burglaries In Greenbelt East

The condominium and apartment communities in Greenbelt East have experienced an increase in burglaries over the last few weeks according to the Greenbelt Police Department. They say that although some arrests have been made, burglaries are continuing to occur. As a result, patrol efforts have been stepped up in these areas.

Police remind residents to take protective steps by locking their doors and windows and keeping curtains and blinds drawn when not at home. They urge everyone to remember that prevention is key to stopping crime.

Suspicious activity should be reported to the Greenbelt Police as soon as possible at 301-474-7200 (non-emergency) or 301-474-5454 (emergency).

May Is Proclaimed "Click It or Ticket"

A proclamation signed by Mayor Judith Davis makes May the official "Click It or Ticket" month in Greenbelt. Accordingly, Greenbelt's police department will step up seatbelt enforcement during the entire month, along with additional safety education efforts. They will tap overtime money from the state to put extra officers on duty to concentrate on seatbelt-related outreach and enforcement.

National "Click It or Ticket" mobilization this year will be from May 23 to June 5 to include the Memorial Day weekend with both day and nighttime enforcement activities.

Using statistics from fatal crashes in 2008 police say the highest number of unbelted persons was during the night (64 percent), teens (70 percent), young adults (66 percent), men (66 percent overall and 74 percent of young males) and pickups, where seatbelt use lags far behind other vehicles. Statistics also show greatly increased crash survival rates overall compared to previous reporting periods and that with seatbelt use fatal injuries are reduced by 45 percent in passenger cars and 60 percent in pickups, SUVs and minivans. Only one percent of belted passengers are ejected in a crash compared to 30 percent of unbuckled passengers – a very significant difference since 77 percent of crash-ejected occupants are killed. Seatbelts account for an 80 percent increase in the odds of surviving a rollover.

The good news is that in the 2009 campaign the observed seat belt use rate was 84 percent, the highest ever, up one percent from the year before.

It's a Deal!



City Manager Michael McLaughlin and attorney Stephen Sylvestri of the city's bargaining team sign the second collective bargaining agreement between the City of Greenbelt and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 32 (FOP) after it was approved by the Greenbelt City Council at its meeting on April 26. The agreement is the result of negotiations over the last two months. It was previously ratified by the FOP and will take effect on July 1.
– photo by Beverly Palau

Monday's Rush Hour Dramatic Car Pursuit

by Kevin Fisher

Around six o'clock Monday, May 10 a stolen car sped eastward on Greenbelt Road through heavy traffic. Pursued by Greenbelt Police, it hit multiple cars between Mandan Road and Cipriano, before making a wide, hasty U-turn at Cipriano. The car, having almost run off the pavement, stopped briefly (and may have backed up a few feet), then quickly headed west on Greenbelt, eventually coming to a stop at the intersection of Greenbelt and Mandan.

I was on my way home from work (at Goddard Space Flight Center) on my bicycle, when the car swerved while making the U-turn, into the bike lane twenty feet in front of me. I saw a terrified young woman in the passenger's seat with her seatbelt on but with the door open. I

presume she was trying to get out while the car was stopped but couldn't. I saw at least half a dozen police cars, either pursuing the stolen car or stopped near cars that had been hit.

I took photos on my cell phone as I biked home. There was no sign of the driver or the woman when I got to Mandan; the officer seemed to be there simply to guard the car.

(According to the Greenbelt Police Department, at 5:48 p.m. on May 10, Greenbelt officers attempted to stop a stolen vehicle. The driver chose to flee and while being pursued, the vehicle struck two other vehicles. The vehicle occupants were arrested, charged with motor vehicle theft and later turned over to the Department of Corrections.)



PHOTO BY KEVIN FISHER

This photo shows the path the car took as it made the U-turn at Cipriano (apparently it was leaking something); the car on the right is not the stolen car. The front bumper was dangling from the car at Cipriano but apparently fell off as the car hit the street sign. The black car behind it is an undercover police car.



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Proposed Marching Band, Arts Clubs Are Reviewed

by Jim Link

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board (GAAB) discussed the future of the Greenbelt Photo Club and Greenbelt Glass Guild and the possible birth of a Greenbelt marching band at its monthly meeting on Tuesday night, May 4.

The Photo Club, which had no member present, is looking for space and exhibition opportunities. The Glass Guild, represented by Richard McMullin, is thinking of conducting a mini-workshop for children. The Guild, which gives classes in making stained glass for creating windows and lamps, “aches,” said McMullin, to do a community project and to place glasswork into community buildings.

Beth Lamont lobbied for the creation of a Greenbelt marching band, to be recognized by GAAB.

The Board offered encouragement but no promises. Suggestions for a catchy name are sought.

The GAAB is looking for fellow art aficionados to fill its two vacancies. Members believe that working on GAAB is a great opportunity to touch the whole city of Greenbelt in all its diversity. Art, it has been said, is the lifeblood of a community, the flow of moral energy that holds society intact.

The vibrant group includes three musicians, a published fiction writer, an arts administrator, a dance instructor and a poet: Who wouldn’t be tempted to join them?

For more information, call Nicole de Wald at 240-542-2057 or email Tatiana Ausema at ausemat@si.edu.

Council Recognizes ERHS Government Teacher

by Jim Link

At its April 26 meeting Monday, the Greenbelt City Council presented Kenneth Bernstein with a certificate recognizing his initiative, creativity and professionalism as an Advanced Placement U.S. Government teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). Bernstein has also been chosen by the Washington Post as the 2010 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher for Prince George’s County.

Two conditions facilitated Bernstein’s being selected for such distinguished recognition: “Those brilliant students” at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and its imaginative administration, Bernstein said. Bernstein actually left ERHS after three years but returned because he missed it so much. “It’s an honor to teach there,” he said.

Bernstein reads widely and thinks outside the box. Three educational gurus who have influenced him, he said, are Howard Gardner, John Dewey and Lev



Kenneth Bernstein

Vygotsky, but he doesn’t like to be pigeonholed as a disciple of any one school of thought.

Bernstein is convinced that a dangerous trend in public high school education today is the excessive use of standardized achievement tests to judge the students’ intellectual worth. This trend means that the students are all judged by the same measuring stick; true education should develop and measure the particular talents of each student.

Bernstein’s advice to rookie teachers is “Be yourself. Don’t be artificial; students have a built-in radar to detect B.S.” His advice for rookie students is “You never know what you can do until you try and fail. It’s okay to fail.”

Bernstein claimed that one of his most stimulating experiences at ERHS was being the sponsor of the Muslim Student Association. He was chosen to walk this particular tightrope, perhaps, because he used to teach a course in Comparative Religion.

Learn Survival Skills In the Wilderness

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group and Ancestral Knowledge are inviting participation in a free class on indigenous knowledge and survival skills in the Greenbelt White Pine Wilderness Program. Classes are to be held Sundays, May 16, 23, June 6 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Led by Joe Murray of Ancestral Knowledge, experts and beginners will learn to live in the woods in the native way. Each class begins at the end of Northway at the sports fields. Participants need to bring water, lunch, a notebook and pencil or pen.

RSVP by email to ashitaka444@yahoo.com, susnbarn@earthlink.net or by calling 240-605-1985.

Naval Physicist to Be At Science Café

Dr. Sue Numrich, a research physicist, will be the speaker at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School monthly Eleanor Science Café on Tuesday, May 18 in the cafeteria conference room. From 3:15 to 5 p.m. she will talk about being a scientist. After a half-hour of music and refreshments at 5 p.m., Dr. Numrich will then speak during the evening portion of the program about Dr. Berthel Carmichael, an African American Arctic researcher and Numrich’s mentor at the Naval Research Laboratory.

The audience will hear about the science and the inherent adventure of field research in remote locations, including Arctic waters during the Cold War.

The public event is free.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Six teachers in three Greenbelt schools obtained certification this school year from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. This advanced professional certification recognizes and rewards highly accomplished educators who meet the board’s high and rigorous standards. The assessment for certification consists of a multimedia teaching portfolio used to evaluate pedagogy and student outcomes and a three-hour assessment center.

City councilmembers congratulated honored teachers at its meeting on April 26. L to R, front row: Kenneth Bernstein, ERHS, (Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher and a National Board Certified Teacher); National Board Certified Teachers Beth Novick, GES; Tricia Blackman, GMS; Amy Young-Buckler, GMS. The other three board certified teachers were not present. They are: Shana Sterkin and Joy Sleeth, Springhill Lake Elementary; and Lisa Mackey-Hazel, GES.

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match of 25 percent (\$23,300), a county grant of \$2,000 and GED co-pay funds of \$1,400. The City of Greenbelt funds 100 percent of the excess, which amounts to \$431,200.

The budget includes \$6,900 for membership and training, a 10 percent cut from last year. City Manager Michael McLaughlin advised all departments to cut their training budgets by 10 percent to help make up a shortfall in the city’s proposed revenues for FY11.

GAIL

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) was created in 2001 in response to an identified need in the community to help seniors remain in their homes. GAIL provides information and support to enable seniors to reach that goal. The program is staffed by a Community Resource Advocate and a Geriatric Case Manager.

During FY2009 GAIL served 653 clients, using a comprehensive community-based program that coordinates, provides and links seniors and their families to a variety of services. One such service was the Backpack to Health Campaign – now being expanded to a community wellness program at Springhill Lake Elementary School. This service provided residents of all ages access to health screenings, wellness lectures, free community produce distributions, a partnership with the Governor’s Wellmobile and an annual health fair. In the fall of 2009 the Backpack to Health program allowed the city to be the first site in Prince George’s County to provide H1N1 immunizations.

GAIL also provides a Caregiver Support Group. An adjustment has been made in the schedule for a meeting time later in the day when more working caregivers can attend. In order to assess the needs of local caregivers, a survey was created and dispersed electronically.

The GAIL program was recognized by the Maryland Department of Aging as a Best Practice. GAIL’s FY11 Proposed Budget is \$185,700.

Service Coordinator

Since 2004 GAIL has pro-

vided a service coordinator at Green Ridge House, fully funded through a HUD grant in conjunction with Green Ridge House. This program is designed to ensure that residents of Green Ridge House are connected to needed resources, enabling them to live independently as long as possible.

Over the last six years, the service coordinator has provided individual assessments to all residents at Green Ridge House, reassessments when a resident’s health status changes, connected residents with city, county and federal programs, developed a quarterly newsletter and coordinated on-site programs such as health screenings, lecture series on wellness-related topics, benefit programs and support groups. GAIL’s Proposed FY11 Budget for this program is \$70,700. The HUD grant must be renewed annually.

Miscellaneous

Metropolitan Ear was not represented at the meeting but the proposed budget for that group is \$1,000, down from \$1,400 due to budget constraints.

Jim Hartsock represented Meals on Wheels of the College Park Area, Inc. and reported that 60 Prince George’s County residents on average were served three meals every day Monday through Friday during the last fiscal year. Mayor Judith Davis asked how many Greenbelt residents were included in this count. Hartsock did not have the information available but will report back to the council with that number. The proposed budget for Meals on Wheels is \$1,000. On February 1 the price for service to customers was raised from

\$4 per day to \$5 per day or \$25 per week.

Curator/Director Megan Searing Young reported that the Greenbelt Museum has recently received a significant collection of photographs, letters and papers documenting the work of Lenore Thomas from her son, Eric Straus. Thomas was the sculptor of the Mother and Child statue and the bas relief panels which adorn the Community Center. Included in the collection are a series of small snapshots showing Greenbelt under construction, which were perhaps taken by the artist herself from approximately 1936-1940.

A new exhibition, “Green from the Start: A History of Gardening in Greenbelt” and a demonstration Victory Garden on the grounds of the museum’s historic house are planned for this year.

Another project in the works is a co-operative effort between the current curator and former Museum Curator Jill St. John, who are working on a new Greenbelt history book to be published as part of the Images of America series. The book will be released in conjunction with Greenbelt’s 75th anniversary.

Opened in 1987 as part of the City of Greenbelt’s 50th Anniversary celebration, the museum is cooperatively run by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the City of Greenbelt. The museum’s proposed FY11 Budget is \$92,200. An amount of \$2,000 is budgeted to acquire archival materials to conserve the Lenore Thomas papers and photographs, as well as other items in the museum’s collection.

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A very large tree fell in Schrom Hills Park and is suspended just a few inches above a picnic table. This happened recently in what must have been a violent gust of wind. A second tree, big but not as large as this giant, was also blown down. These trees were located on the edge of the paved path at the northwestern corner of the soccer fields. The weather has been hard on the trees in the park. A number of trees are down, some from the heavy snow last winter, others more recently, possibly from the same storm that knocked the tree over the table.

American Legion’s National Commander Visits Here

by Carol Griffith

American Legion Post 136 in Greenbelt was honored to entertain the National Commander for the American Legion at a banquet at the Post home on March 13. About 100 Department (State) of Maryland and local post officers, officers and members of the Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary and other Legionnaires were in attendance. Several members of the American Legion Department of Delaware were honored guests. City councilmembers and a representative of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs also attended.

In the one-year term of a National Commander, he (so far, no woman has held the position) attempts to visit as many Legion posts as time and other duties allow. Commander Clarence Hill’s visit to Post 136 was his only visit to an American Legion post in the state of Maryland.

Hill has an impressive service history. Originally from Ohio, he is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and has two master’s degrees. He served 19 years on sea duty, many as captain of a vessel, and oversaw combat operations in Operation Desert Storm. He has been a Legionnaire for 27 years and has been a three-time commander of his post in Florida where he now resides.

During the opening remarks, Mayor Judith Davis welcomed Hill to Greenbelt and informed him of the special place Post 136 has in Greenbelt and of its many years of help to the community. She also offered special thanks

to all veterans on behalf of the city.

County Council District 4 representative Ingrid Turner also welcomed Hill to Prince George’s County on behalf of the county council, noting the honor of introducing a fellow Naval Academy graduate.

Secretary Edward Chow, Jr. of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, himself a Legionnaire, presented Hill with a citation from the governor and assured Hill of the governor’s commitment to veterans.

In his speech, Hill thanked members of the local post for their work in attending to the needs of veterans, assisting in their communities and for their grassroots work in lobbying for issues important to veterans. He praised the recent work of the Legion in funding scholarships and attracting more minority and women members.

Hill made the sad observation that younger veterans “have known terrorism all their lives,” and gave as examples the Columbine school shootings, Oklahoma City bombing and September 11 attacks. He stated that the American Legion is increasing its presence on social networking media such as Facebook, Twitter and podcasts. He reminded members of the power that lies in the internet for attracting new members and encouraged them to continue to reach out to all veterans as they have since the American Legion was chartered in 1919.

Mid-Week Spring Bird Walks Held

An early evening bird walk will be hosted by the Prince George’s Audubon Society year round for all levels of people interested in birds and birding. The walk will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 20 on the Luther Goldman Birding Train. Beginners to experts are invited to this free event. Binoculars are recommended. For more information call 301-459-3375.

New HS Financial Program Offered

Educational Systems FCU offers teachers a new interactive financial education program for all high schools in Prince George’s County.

President/CEO Chris Conway says the program, FoolProof Real Financial Education, complements seminars, career fairs, in-school branch programs and sponsored event activities currently provided.

Nature Programs At Patuxent Refuge

Patuxent Research Refuge public programs are held at two sites, the North Tract and the National Wildlife Visitor Center.

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For more information visit the website at www.patuxent.fws.gov.

North Tract

The North Tract, located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32, is holding the following programs:

Guided Bird Walks – Wednesday, May 19 from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m., for ages 16+. Search for birds in several refuge habitats. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

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Leave No Trace – Thursday, May 13 from 2:30 to 4 p.m., for ages 8 to 10. Learn the seven basic principles of Leave No Trace, and how to enjoy nature and wildlife by just leaving footprints.

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Guided Bird Walks – Saturday, May 22 from 7:30 to 10 a.m., for ages 14+. Search for early spring migrants in various refuge habitats. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.



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to reach the Greenbelt Police Station. Metro proposes that its new, single route stay on Ridge Road, turn left on Lastner Lane, right on Ivy Lane, then left past the Police Station.

Route Closed

The existing route, which at last count on a weekday had 22 riders, would no longer be served by any buses. Many of these riders would have to walk one additional block to Ridge Road to access a bus.

Riders along portions of Greenhill Road, already nearly 1/2 mile from a bus route, would find buses moved further away from them. At the May 8 TRU-G meeting, Mathew Amberg, a 92-year-old resident of Hillside Road, said he needs a bus on his street so he can carry his groceries home.

The benefits of the proposed North End change would occur on the upper reaches of Ridge Road and in Boxwood, where many residents currently live 1/2 mile from any bus route. Deborah Sward, who rents an apartment in a Boxwood house, said basement apartments are common in Boxwood and that many renters are heavy users of public transit.

The route change would also bring transit 1/8 mile closer to the sizable Lakeside North apartment complex, whose residents live up to 1/2 mile from the existing route.

Roosevelt Center enjoys some of the most frequent bus service in Greenbelt but under the proposal there would be half as many departure times as in the current service. Service to nearly all Greenbelt locations, without transfers, would continue at Roosevelt Center.

Empirian Village residents would also see fewer buses on their streets. Metrobus would discontinue service on Springhill Lane, where residents would use Prince George’s County’s TheBus on weekdays during the day and have to walk 1/4 mile to access Metrobus on evenings and weekends.

R12 Changes

Service on the R12 to College Park Metro would be moved to Cherrywood Lane but new service would bring Breezewood Drive, Edmonston Road and Springhill Drive residents directly to the Greenbelt Metro station. Empirian Village riders would have to transfer to reach Buddy At-tick Park and the North End in general.

In a separate Hyattsville service-reduction proposal, Metro would eliminate the R3 route this September, thus eliminating service from Greenbelt West to the National Archives Annex in Adelphi.

Other workplaces would be impacted by Metro’s proposal. Metrobus would no longer turn onto ICESat Road to serve NASA Goddard’s South Gate. NASA staff and visitors could use the more circuitous TheBus 15, or else walk an extra 1/4 mile without sidewalks to reach the gate. Eastbound travelers would have to cross Greenbelt Road to reach ICESat Road, where there is no crosswalk.

Residents of the Gates of Cipriano apartments and other neighborhoods east of Mandan Road outside the city would now have to transfer to reach Doctors Community Hospital. But the NASA and hospital changes would also benefit those riders, shortening their trip to New Carrollton by eight minutes.

Two routes would serve the south parking deck at Beltway Plaza but the C2 running from College Park to Greenbelt West would not. Residents of the North End, as well as Hanover Parkway south of Greenbelt Road, would have to transfer to reach Beltway Plaza or either of NASA’s gates.

Times Uncertain

The written proposal circulated on May 8 did not address how early in the morning or late in the evening Metrobuses would run in Greenbelt. Glick stated his intention to serve all stops approximately as early and late as they are served now.

The new proposal completely replaces the proposal addressed at Metro’s public hearings in March and April. Riders helped or harmed by that proposal may be affected now in completely different ways.

Glick expressed Metro’s desire to implement changes in Greenbelt service this September. Carl Schuettler, planner for the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation, reiterated on May 8 that the County does not intend to propose changes to its TheBus routes until the Metrobus plan is “more concrete.”

TRU-G meets next on Saturday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Club House next to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Greenbelters can receive updates via listserv by emailing trugee-subscribe@yahoogroups.org.

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Tom Wisner Exhibit On Bay Is at Café

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Tom Wisner, who died on April 2 this year, was Maryland's first environmental educator, starting back in the 60s when he worked for the Chesapeake Biological Lab in Solomons, Md. He developed an approach to working with children that integrated science and the arts (music, visual arts, poetry and photographs of the children he worked with) in an unusually creative and effective way. His unique teaching style has been admired and emulated by those who worked with him.

Wisner, he said about himself, was made of water . . . a life shaped and reshaped by the rivers and tributaries of the great Chesapeake Watershed. A collection of Wisner's art is being shown for the first time at the New Deal Café as a tribute to the Maryland poet, artist, song writer, story teller, musician and environmental educator.

Featured are images by the children he taught, with other art he created of the people and places in the beautiful Chesapeake Watershed. Every time he put

pen to paper, paint to canvas, hand to guitar string, foot to shifting sand or mind to verse, these personal connections are a reminder of his unique journey. They are especially evident in "The Children," whose art this exhibit celebrates and in "The Elemental People."

He also befriended, interviewed, painted and shared stories with the local Chesapeake Bay farmers and watermen he called the "elemental people" and was nourished and inspired by their deep connection with the land and waters (more seasoned souls who lived intimately with the land and waters and became his wise elders along the way). Their lives and stories are celebrated on his last CD, "Follow on the Water," which became available in January.

A reception for this exhibit will be held at the Café from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, May 23. The exhibit is sponsored by CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society) www.chears.org and FONDCA (Friends of New Deal Café Arts) with support from Prince George's County.



Tom Wisner



One of Tom Wisner's sketches that will be on display at the New Deal Café through July 5.

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Full Fizz Ahead At ACE Meeting

by Jim Link

The April 27 Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) meeting fizzed briskly along, sometimes like champagne, sometimes like Alka-Seltzer. The seven members grappled with a variety of issues with intelligence, flexibility and good humor.

They discussed who should bring what refreshments to the ACE Student Awards ceremony on May 10 (salad? cookies?) and whether or not to raise the award amount (yes, eventually) for the winner from Eleanor Roosevelt High School from \$1,000 to \$2,000. They discussed how to pay homage to St. Hugh's School, which will close in June, for all its years of educational service to the Greenbelt community and how and to what extent the community through ACE should participate in selecting a new principal for Greenbelt Middle School to be installed by the fall semester.

ACE was the sponsor of the musical extravaganza at the May 2 Artful Afternoon featuring music by local core schools — Turning Point Academy, Greenbelt Elementary, Greenbelt Middle, Eleanor Roosevelt High, Magnolia Elementary, Berwyn Heights Elementary and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools. This near-epic production, organized largely by David Whiteman, generated spirited discussion about crowd flow, duties of student host/guides, clear signage and use of staging areas.

Whether the meeting's fizz was celebratory or headachy, it was stimulating. ACE meets next on Tuesday, May 25 at 7 p.m.

There is a vacancy on ACE so anyone who wants to increase the fizz should call Wendy Wexler, ACE staff liaison at 301-345-6660 or 301-474-8000 for more information.

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Middle School Reform Is Subject of Forum

Dr. William Hite, Prince George's County's school superintendent, will speak at a forum on middle school reform on Monday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at Berwyn Heights Elementary School.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bonita Coleman-Potter and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Duane Arbogast will also be on hand to share their vision for middle school reform.

The Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee and Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA will host the meeting.

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Let's Clear The Air

A Review

Madcap Comedy Romps In Roosevelt Center

by Carol Griffith

There’s a laugh with nearly every line of “Moon Over Buffalo,” the current play at the Greenbelt Arts Center. The play is a madcap romp through the world of the theater in the days before television and is lots of good clean fun. Perfectly performed and staged, it provides a great evening of entertainment.

George and Charlotte, a married couple whose acting careers have not been quite as successful as they had hoped, now find themselves as owners and principal actors of a small theater in Buffalo, performing various plays. In a bit of irony, they suspect that the cursed newfangled invention, television, may replace live theater and are anxiously pursuing big parts in a movie to ensure their fame. When a famous director calls to offer George a part in his movie, chaos and hilarity erupt.

On the day the famous director is to come to the theater to view a performance, George – due to a series of hilarious miscommunications – is costumed and ready for one play, while the rest of the cast are performing another, very different play.

Complications such as the sudden appearance of their daughter, Roz, and, for the first time, her hapless fiancé; a young actress who’s in love with George; the company lawyer who’s in love

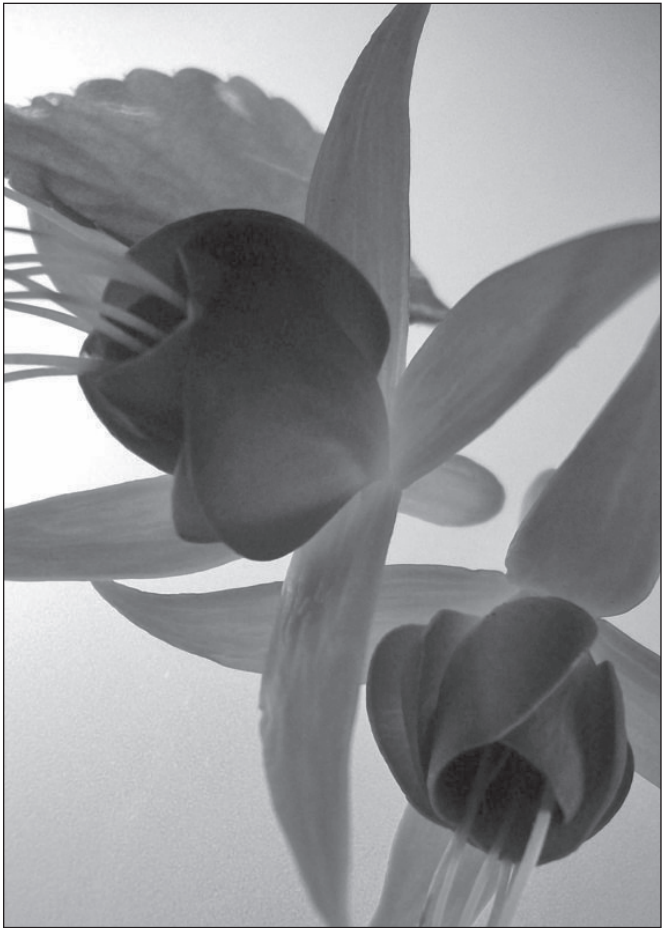
with Charlotte; and Charlotte’s mother, Ethel, the costumer for the theater who makes no secret of her hatred of George, ensure a fast-moving, laugh-filled comedy of errors.

Two very talented newcomers to the GAC stage, Rachel Simms and Julian Helisek, add greatly to the cast. The married couple Meg and Michael Nemeth add great performances to their acting resumes as Roz and her fiancé Howard. Debbie Samek, who plays Ethel, makes the character a very funny and cranky old lady. Bob Kleinberg, excellent as always, is the full-of-himself lawyer.

But Susan Harper as Charlotte and Sandy Irving as George carry the show. They are a great team, bringing much energy to their physically demanding roles.

“Moon Over Buffalo” proves George’s point: Television rarely triumphs over live theater in providing a great evening’s entertainment.

The show will play on the Friday and Saturday evenings of May 14 and 15, 21 and 22 and 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. Two Sunday matinees are scheduled: May 16 at 2 p.m. and May 23 at 3 p.m. Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at the Arts Center at 123 Centerway, located beneath the Co-op supermarket.



“Burst!” an exhibit of 22 color photographs of flowers and fireworks by Nora Simon, will be on view at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly through June 21. The flower photographs focus on the colorful details of the blossoms. Nora Simon is studying graphic design at Pennsylvania College of Art and Design in Lancaster, Pa. Exhibits at the Publick Playhouse are sponsored by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Arts and Cultural Heritage Division.



PHOTO BY RODNEY PIERCE

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club’s Under-8 Boys soccer team is having a great season playing soccer while building a 4-1 record in the county. The team of 13 has great determination and a bright soccer future. Front Row, left to right: Assistant Coach Michel Nobre, Matthew Baravechia, Tyler Clarke, Antoine Jacks, Pascal Evans, Damien Kerani. Back Row: Assistant Coach Antoine Jacks, Miles Pierce, Khalid Howard, Tayshaun Butler, Eric Martin, Garland (BJ) Crosby, Cody Balot and Coach Jay Evans. (Missing from the photo are Juan Rincon and Gabriel Garraway.) The kids are due to play in the county playoffs on May 22-23.

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Committee will be elected to one-year terms during the meeting. Listed as candidates are Frank De Bernardo, Robin Everly, Kathleen Gallagher and Ann Landry Lombardi.

Awards, Prizes

Introduced as a new honor last year, the President’s Award will be given to a member for exceptional volunteer service of far-reaching, long-term benefit to the cooperative. A number of door prizes will also be presented, including three \$100 gift certificates toward the winner’s GHI co-op fee, as well as four \$25 gift certificates to the Co-op Supermarket and five \$20 gift certificates to the New Deal Café.

Several committees will have display tables. The Communications Committee plans to crown the two winners of the first GHI Haiku Contest. The Woodlands Committee will hold its annual giveaway of free native plants.

Voting Proxy, Absentee

Members who cannot attend the meeting can obtain proxies and designate a member to vote on their behalf both at the meeting and in the election. This year the deadline for submitting a proxy form is Friday, May 14 to Board Secretary Ed James at 56-D Crescent Road. James can also provide a form.

Members who cannot be available to vote in the election because of their religious beliefs, physical condition or absence from Greenbelt on election days may request an absentee ballot on business days from noon on

Thursday, May 13 until noon on Tuesday, May 18 from Joan Krob, director of Member Services at GHI, with the exception of Friday, May 14 when GHI offices will be closed. The voted ballot must be returned to the GHI office no later than 5 p.m. on May 18.

Members who have questions about election rules may refer to the bylaws, call the Membership Services Office at 301-474-4161 or go the GHI website at www.ghi.coop and click on “Elections.”

Biographical information on the candidates appears elsewhere in this issue. GHI members will have an opportunity to learn more about the candidates at a Candidate Forum to be held Friday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The forum will also be cablecast live and video-streamed from the City of Greenbelt website and replayed in the days before the election.

Use of Library Grant Will Help Unemployed

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGC-MLS) has received a grant to help the county’s unemployed residents find work. With funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, PGCMLS is one of 70 public libraries in the nation that will develop a new community program for adult English language learners.

The grant, called “The American Dream Starts @ Your Library,” will support introductory computer training and a series of workshops on job searching success in both English and Spanish. Slated to begin at the Hyattsville Branch in early summer, this program will collaborate with other organizations in the county. As with all library services, these programs will be free.

Once established, this program will spread to other county branches, furthering a library commitment to lifelong learning for all county residents.

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